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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 28, 2003

1. Call to Order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Jerome C. Daniel, at 7:48 p.m. on April 28, 2003 at 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

The oath of office was administered to Advisory Committee Members Lorraine Slattery and Heinz Ellersieck.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Heather Barnett, Linda Parks, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Hayden Sohm, Jonathan Zasloff, Steve Horn, Elizabeth Cheadle, Vice Chair, and Jerome C. Daniel, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., David Allgood, and Jody Cook.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Corridori, Alyse Lazar, Lesley Devine, Heinz Ellersieck, Richard Gould, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, Roseann Mikos, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Thomas Seifert, Lorraine Slattery, Kenneth Warner, Don Robinson, Vice Chair, and George Lange, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Terre Hirsch, Jeff Jennings, Linda Palmer, Nancy Stephens, and Marc Stirdivant. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Anthony Portantino and Timothy Wendler.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; MRCA staff: Reva Feldman, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and

Urban Programs; Gary Lysik, Finance Director; Rhett Robb, Accounting Analyst; Juliet Chung, Government Program Analyst; Kristian Lewis, PC Support Technician; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel; Deborah Lambe, Staff Counsel; Lisa Soghor, Chief of Premier Parks; Jan Wolterstorff, Public Outreach Coordinator and Project Analyst; Lisa Venable, Administrative Assistant, and Melissa Chigaridas, Receptionist.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General.

[Messrs. Portantino and Wendler arrived at 7:50 p.m.]

4. Introduction of Legislative Representatives.

The following Legislative Representatives were present: Laura Plotkin and Mary Sue Maurer. The following Legislative Representatives were absent: Carolyn Kraft, Henry Lo, George Magallanes, and Susan McEntire.

5. Minutes.

The minutes of March 24, 2003 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 24, 2003 were adopted as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Collins.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Sohm.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Mr. Miller.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Miller.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ms. Lethbridge.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Mr. Young.

The Conservancy received an oral report from the Executive Director.

8. Special recognition of Advisory Committee member Colleen Briner-Schmidt.

This item was heard out of sequence.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mayor Andrew Fox, Ms. Briner-Schmidt, Mr. Lange, and the Chair.

7. Special recognition of former Conservancy Board member Russell Guiney.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Guiney,

9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange, Ms. Devine, and Mr. Zasloff.

10. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Donald Brewster, representing Senator Jack Scott, on item 21.

11. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for Lyon's Ranch, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution augmenting grant agreement SMM-6118 with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for emergency preparedness equipment using Proposition 12 funds.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority augment the Corral Canyon Trailhead and Trail project budget with additional funding from Proposition A 1996 funds.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 3.7 acres (APN 4456-037-045) along Piuma Road, using Proposition A 1996 funds, unincorporated Malibu area.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 1.4 acres (APN 4456-037-023) along Piuma Road, using Proposition A 1996 funds, unincorporated Malibu area.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (1) enter into grant agreements with the State Coastal Conservancy; (2) accept the terms and conditions of the subject grant agreements, and (3) authorize acceptance of grant funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Lower Topanga Canyon Arundo and Non-Native Plant Eradication Project, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the following offers to dedicate: Morford / P-80-6995 (APNs 4471-008-004 and 005), located north of the Backbone Trail and west of Kanan Dume Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County; Stewart / 5-81-532 (APN 4457-021-015), located near Corral Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County, and Mellein / 5-81-338 (APN 4456-037-001), located near Malibu Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

- (h) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for partnership and promotion of “Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs.”**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution No. 02-171 and authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the California Institute of Public Affairs Urban Outreach Strategy Project.**

Items 11(a) and 11(i) were removed from the Consent Calender.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 03-51, 03-52, 03-53, 03-54, 03-55, 03-56 and 03-57.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Barnett, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 03-51, 03-52, 03-53, 03-54, 03-55, 03-56 and 03-57.

11(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for Lyon's Ranch, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Lazar.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

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Comments were made by Mr. Gould.

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Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Lazar.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-50.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-50.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

11(i). Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution No. 02-171 and authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the California Institute of Public Affairs Urban Outreach Strategy Project.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Lazar.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seifert, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-58.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-58.

12. Report on measures to reduce costs for Conservancy meetings.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Berger.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould, Ms. Devine, Ms. Cheadle, and Mr. Portantino.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Barnett.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Berger.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing mid-year amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fiscal Year 2002-03 budget.

Ms. Barnett was noted as recusing herself from this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Lysik.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by Mr. Lysik.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Mr. Lysik and Ms. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Lazar.

Comments were made by Mr. Lysik and Ms. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks, Mr. Lysik, and Ms. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Lazar.

Comments were made by Ms. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Ms. Feldman and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-59.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-59.

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle.

14. Consideration of resolution adopting the Verdugo Mountains-Big Tujunga Wash Wildlife Corridor Project Plan.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Messrs. Edelman and Zasloff.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-60.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-60.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing the addition of the Verdugo Mountains-Big Tujunga Wash Wildlife Corridor project to the Land Acquisition Workprogram 2000, and authorizing grants of Proposition 12 and Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire approximately 2.2 acres (APNs 2547-018-008, 009 and 010) in the Verdugo Mountains, Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-61.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-61.

- 16. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority transfer to the National Park Service, the approximately 106-acre Abrams property (APNs 2063-008-025 and 2064-006-004), and the approximately 425-acre Potomac Property (APNs 2052-009-900; 2055-010-901, and 2052-001-901) in Liberty Canyon, Agoura Hills.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-62.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-62.

Comments were made by the Chair.

- 17. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept an approximately 10 acre conservation easement (portion of APN 2543-021-017) from Parcel Map No. AA-2001-3944-PMLA, 10300 Wornom Avenue, Shadow Hills area, Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-63.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-63.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

- 18. Consideration of resolution entering into an agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy for projects of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project outside the Coastal Zone but within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Maurer, and Ms. Devine.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Maurer, Mr. Horn, Ms. Devine, Ms. Slattery, Ms. Mikos, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-64.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-64.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Barnett.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Horn.

- 19. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a 6.81-acre dedication from the Gary B. Blackwell and Dana L. Blackwell Living Trust, Parcel A of Ventura County Parcel Map No. 5286, portion of APN 519-0-082-05, and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency for the management of said property, unincorporated Santa Rosa Valley area.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Lange, and Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-65.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-65.

- 20. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize acceptance of an offer to dedicate approximately 27 acres in La Tuna Canyon, Tract No. 38056 (Rancho La Tuna Estates), Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-66.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-66.

- 21. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy funds for the acquisition of the Corralitas-Red Car Property (APN 5438-006-004; 5438-007-001 and 002; 5440-024-039; 5440-030-028 and 029), Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Skei.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Slattery, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-66.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-66.

- 22. Legislation: Consideration of resolution authorizing support of Senate Bill 493 (Cedillo).**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-67.

Ms. Devine and Ms. Lazar were noted as voting against adoption of Resolution No. 03-67.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Wendler.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks and Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins, the Executive Director, Ms. Parks, Mr. Zasloff, and Ms. Devine.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Lazar, Ms. Parks, and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Zasloff, Ms. Devine, the Executive Director, and Mr. Robinson.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Sohm.

Comments were made by Ms. Chung, the Executive Director, Ms. Maurer, Ms. Cheadle, and Mr. Wendler.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy delegated this item to a Legislative Subcommittee for consideration.

- 23. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Parker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission.***

No closed session was held.

- 24. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on May 19, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL
Chair